MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; but subsequently Government have ordered to stop all proceedings towards the realisation of half contribution.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*). These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Registry of Cardamom lands.

305. *MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by the Commissioner Devicolam till the end of Karkatakam 1111 for the registry of Cardamom lands in the Pallivasal *pakuthi*;

(*b*) the names of applicants and the area covered by each application;

(*c*) the amount received as advance from the applicants;

(*d*) whether any registry has been effected till now;

(*e*) if so, the number and the area under each item; and

(*f*) if no registry has been effected, the reasons for the delay?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 193.

(*b*) & (*c*) A †statement showing the particulars is laid on the table.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*d*).

(*f*) Proceedings are in progress. A †statement showing the various stages of pendency of the applications is laid on the table.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of the question, may I know the reasons for such a long delay in effecting registry?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The chief reason is that the trees have to be numbered; and the Survey Superintendent has been asked to arrange for it.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the applicants be permitted to enter upon the lands and carry on cardamom cultivation before the numbering is effected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In the case of areas the survey of which has been completed, the applicants will be permitted to carry on cultivation. They can apply to the Devicolam Commissioner; he is competent to sanction the entry.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): If they are allowed to cultivate, may I know whether they will have to pay the unpaid balance of the first instalment? Out of the first instalment of Rs. 10, they have paid the advance of Rs. 5.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That question has not been considered, nor has the Devicolam Commissioner referred it to Government yet.

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†*Vide* Appendix II page 954.

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MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to take early steps to effect the registry?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Government are pushing on in the matter.

P. W. D. Section Officer at Nedumangad.

306. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the statement of mine at the time of the general discussion of the budget for 1112 M. E., published at page 40 Vol. VIII, No. 2 of the printed Proceedings of the Assembly, about the dereliction of duty on the part of the P. W. D. Section Officer, Nedumangad, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action has been taken about the conduct of the P.W.D. Section Officer in question; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that he is not attending even now to the maintenance works of the branch roads in the taluk?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer has reported that no action has been taken as none was found necessary.

(*b*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why no action was found necessary against the P. W. D. section officer, at Nedumangad?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer found on enquiry that the allegations made were groundless.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has at any time inspected the roads and by-roads in the Nedumangad taluk, after he assumed charge?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not know. But in reply to another question the member had been told that the Chief Engineer, the Division Officer and the Sub-division Officer have visited the locality.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is whether the Chief Engineer, at any time, inspected the roads in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He has.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government will be pleased to consult the Tahsildar of Nedumangad as well as the other executive officers in the place, and ascertain from them whether the roads in the Nedumangad taluk are being properly maintained?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer is satisfied that the roads are maintained in as good a condition as possible with the grant available.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is it by an astrological calculation or by actual experience after inspection of the roads that he is so satisfied?

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